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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR HUNT'S REQUEST FOR CIA INFORMATION ON FORMER  
AUSTRIAN CHANCELLOR KURT WALDHEIM

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TEXT:

1. ACTION REQUIRED: PLEASE SEE BELOW.

2. WE HAVE REVIEWED REF REQUEST BY U.S. AMBASSADOR HUNT FOR  
INFORMATION FROM CIA'S FILE ON FORMER AUSTRIAN CHANCELLOR KURT  
WALDHEIM AND HIS ALLEGED PAST COOPERATION WITH CIA. BY WAY OF  
BACKGROUND, CIA PERIODICALLY HAS RECEIVED REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION ON  
WALDHEIM'S ACTIVITIES DURING WORLD WAR II AND ON ANY RELATIONSHIP HE  
MAY HAVE HAD WITH CIA. THE EVIDENCE RELATIVE TO WALDHEIM'S MILITARY  
ACTIVITIES IN THE BALKANS DURING THE WAR IS QUITE THIN, AND IS BASED  
WHOLLY ON AN APRIL 1945 DOCUMENT PROVIDED TO THE OSS BY AN ALLIED  
LIAISON SERVICE. THAT DOCUMENT CONTAINS ONLY A REFERENCE TO AN  
OBERLEUTNANT WALDHEIM (FIRST NAME UNKNOWN), BORN CIRCA 1915-1916,  
HEIGHT 1.82M., LIGHT HAIR AND EYES. OBERLEUTNANT WALDHEIM WAS  
ALLEGEDLY A MEMBER OF THE ABWEHR AND A SUBORDINATE OF OBERSTLEUTNANT  
(LT. COL.) WARNSTORFF OR WARNSDORF WHEN THE LATTER WAS AN ABWEHR  
COMMANDER IN SALONICA, GREECE. THERE IS NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON  
OBERLEUTNANT WALDHEIM.

3. REGARDING AMBASSADOR HUNT'S QUERY, SUGGEST ☐ ☐ MAKE  
AVAILABLE THE SAME INFORMATION ON WALDHEIM REGARDING HIS WARTIME  
ACTIVITIES THAT WAS PROVIDED TO THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT VIA THE  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE IN LATE 1987; THAT IS, THE CONTENTS OF THE APRIL  
1945 DOCUMENT. IN NOVEMBER 1987, THE AUSTRIANS WERE PROVIDED WITH A  
REDACTED VERSION OF THE APRIL 1945 DOCUMENT LISTING THE NAME OF  
OBERLEUTNANT WALDHEIM (AND GENERAL PHYSICAL DESCRIPTIONS), AND  
REMINDING THAT THE DOCUMENT WAS STILL CLASSIFIED SECRET AND ITS  
CONTENTS COULD NOT BE SHARED WITH ANY PARTY WITHOUT USG APPROVAL.  
THERE IS NOTHING IN THAT DOCUMENT OR IN ANY AGENCY FILE THAT CONNECTS  
THE FORMER AUSTRIAN CHANCELLOR TO NAZI WAR CRIMES COMMITTED IN THE  
BALKANS.

4. ON THE MATTER OF ALLEGATIONS OF WALDHEIM'S COOPERATION WITH  
CIA, SUGGEST ☐ ☐ ADVISE AMBASSADOR HUNT THAT THERE IS NOTHING IN  
OUR FILES TO SUGGEST THAT KURT WALDHEIM EVER WORKED FOR CIA OR HAD A  
CONNECTION WITH THE AGENCY. WE HOPE THE ABOVE SATISFIES THE  
AMBASSADOR'S REQUEST. REGARDS.

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